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SUBJ: LABOR UNION PROBLEMS SPARK RIOT AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF NAYARIT

1. RIOTS SPARKED BY LABOR PROBLEMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAYARIT RESULTED IN THE DEATHS ON FEBRUARY 20 OF TWO UNIVERSITY LABORERS WITH TWO OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED. TWO LABOR UNIONS, "SINDICATO DE TRABAJADORES Y EMPLEADOS AL SERVICIO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE NAYARIT" (STESUAN) AND THE "SINDICATO DE EMPLEADOS Y TRABAJADORES DE LA UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE NAYARIT" (SETUAN) WERE EACH TRYING TO CONTRACT THE UNIVERSITY LABOR FORCE WHICH HAD BEEN ON STRIKE FOR 80 DAYS. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND EACH UNION CLAIMED IT HAD A MAJORITY. A RECOUNT WAS TAKEN, BUT NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED AND THE STRIKE CONTINUED.

2. ON FEBRUARY 19, RECTOR PETRONILO DIAZ-PONCE MET WITH THE STUDENTS TO ANNOUNCE THAT CLASSES WOULD RESUME THE FOLLOWING MORNING. STUDENTS TRYING TO RETURN TO THEIR CLASSES AT THE UNIVERSITY WERE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING BY OPPOSITION GROUPS, FIGHTING ENSUED AND FOUR WORKERS WERE SHOT.

3. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE TEPIC SOURCE, THE SETUAN,  
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SUPPORTED BY LEFTIST GROUPS HELD A MASS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21 IN MEMORY OF THOSE WORKERS WHO HAD BEEN KILLED. DEMANDS WERE MADE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE RECTOR, THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL LIC. SAM LOPEZ, AND THE GOVERNOR COL. ROGELIO FLORES-CURIEL. BLAME FOR THE DEATHS WAS PLACED ON THE UNIVERSITY POLICE.

4. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITIES IN MORELOS, JALISCO AND SINALOA HAD BEEN INVITED TO COME TO TEPIC IN SUPPORT OF THE MOVEMENT. MASSIVE GUARD UNITS HAVE BEEN SET UP AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE CITY TO PREVENT THESE VISITING STUDENTS FROM ENTERING.

5. AN ARTICLE BY FERNANDO VALDEZ IN MAZATLAN'S "NUEVO DIARIO" OF FEBRUARY 23 COMMENTS THAT THE SYNDICATE CONFLICT HAS BEEN A BLOODY EPISODE PERPETRATED BY THE UNIVERSITY POLICE, WHOSE TRUE PURPOSE, HE CLAIMS HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED. HE REPORTS THAT THE INCIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAYARIT DEMONSTRATES THAT THERE ARE IN MEXICO POLITICAL FORCES WHICH REACT VIOLENTLY. "THEY ARE THOSE WHO FROM STRONG POLITICAL POSITIONS RULE WITH AN IRON HAND WITHOUT OPPONENTS, DISSIDENTS OR INTERLOCUTORS."

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